

## Overview of the Three-Part Essay

### Introduction

*(one or more paragraphs)*

*Includes:*

- opening sentences
- thesis
- forecast

### Body

*(several paragraphs)*

*Each paragraph includes:*

- topic sentence
- analysis
- evidence and interpretation of evidence
- anchor

### Conclusion

*(one or more paragraphs)*

*Includes:*

- summary
- intensified insight

## Three-Part Essay Structure

### I. INTRODUCTION: The introduction (one or more paragraphs) contains the following:

- opening sentences** capture your reader's attention (use a "hook"); introduce general topic and then narrow to subject of paper; provide background information on topic and/or materials to be considered (e.g., title/author of book(s), time period of study, experiment conducted)
- thesis** answer to the question asked/statement of point to be proven (usually a single sentence); focuses essay that follows; offers insight/premise
- forecast** a sentence or sentences indicating the subtopics or subdivisions of support that will follow, in the order in which they will appear

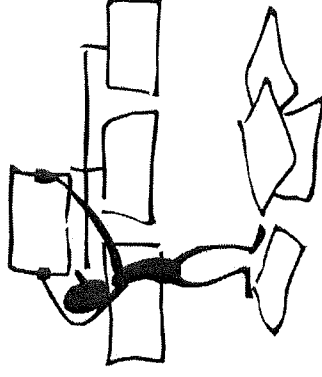
### II. BODY: Each supporting paragraph of the body should contain the following:

- topic sentence** identifies subject of paragraph and relates it to thesis and essay; develops thesis
- analysis of topic sentence** aspect of thesis introduced in topic sentence is developed further
- evidence/  
interpretation of  
evidence** evidence that supports thesis and topic sentence; interpretation/analysis or commentary of evidence follows immediately
- anchor** final sentence of paragraph that connects evidence and interpretation of evidence to thesis/topic sentence; refreshes reader's mind about purpose/value of paper without becoming repetitive; allows for clear connection between anchor and next body paragraph or conclusion

### III. CONCLUSION: The conclusion (one or more paragraphs) contains the following:

- summary/  
intensified insight** brief restatement of thesis that does not simply repeat it; brief reminder of points used to prove thesis; intensified insight statement that deepens the idea of the thesis without introducing new topic(s) that require additional proof and leaving the reader with "food for thought"

## 5 Paragraph Essay Planning Map



Introduction

Thesis

First Body Paragraph

Second Body Paragraph

Third Body Paragraph

Conclusion

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## BLT Essay Sandwich

**Directions:** Use this bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich graphic to write an essay containing 5 paragraphs.

Introduction

Body Paragraph #1

Body Paragraph #2

Body Paragraph #3

Conclusion

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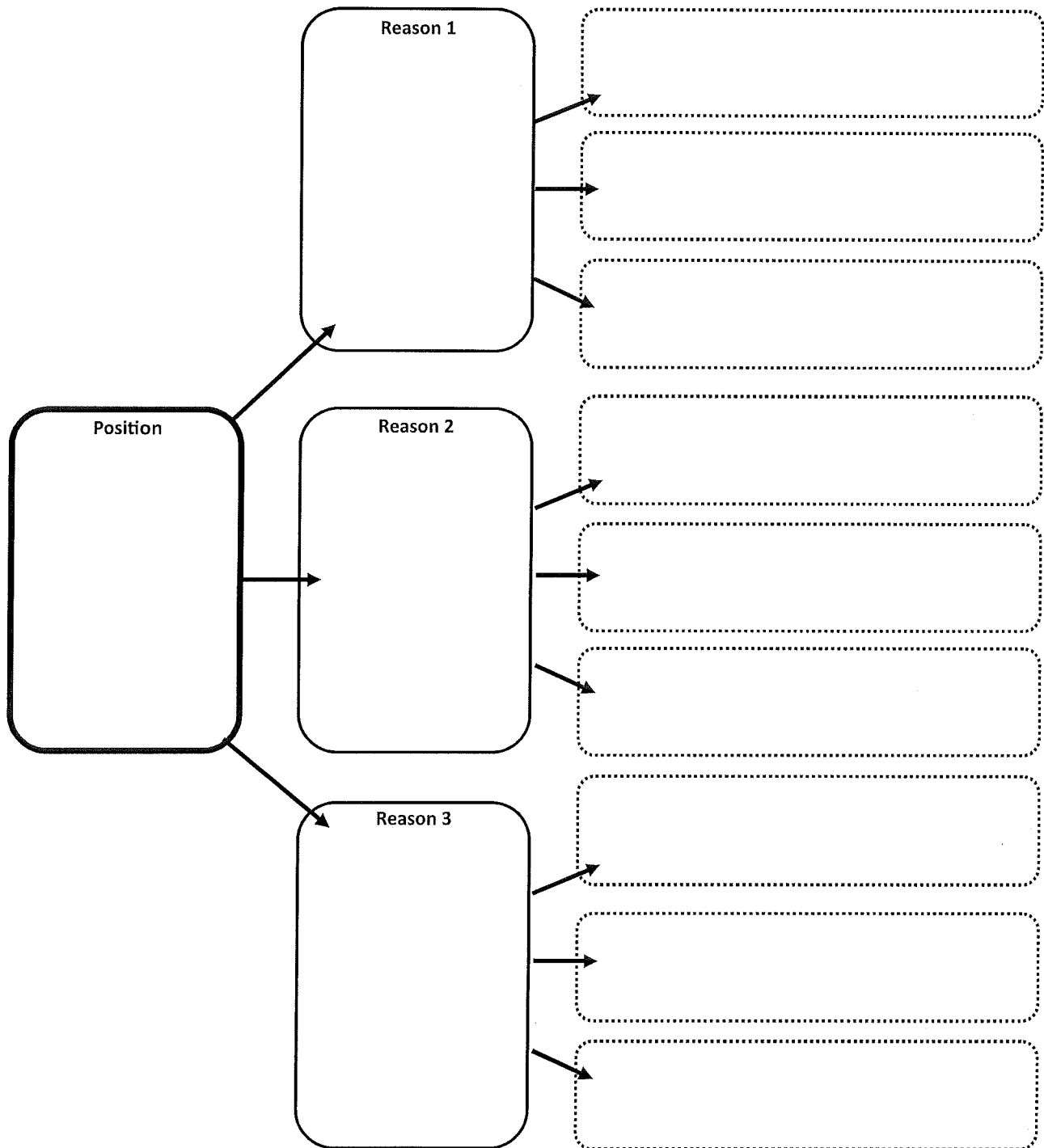
## Expository Essay Planning Map

Introduction			
Transition			
Body Paragraph 1	Topic Sentence		
	Supporting Details		
	Transition		
Body Paragraph 2	Topic Sentence		
	Supporting Details		
	Transition		
Body Paragraph 3	Topic Sentence		
	Supporting Details		
	Transition		
Conclusion			

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## Persuasion Map

**Directions:** Write your position and the reasons that justify it in the boxes as indicated. Then, write the facts, details, and examples that support each reason in the dotted boxes. Draw and connect more boxes if needed.



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## Writing Organizer Web

**Directions:** Use this organizer to plan your writing project by placing the required items in the designated areas. Use the dotted circles for details and examples. You may draw additional lines and circles as needed.

